

# Class 1 - Paradise, its Gates & Levels



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## What is Success?

Unlike other faiths that have messages that are limited to what is spiritual in this life, Islam is comprehensive in its teachings. It offers guidance to people of all backgrounds, languages, cultures and skills.

The ultimate goal, or true success in Islam is to bring humans to a close personal relationship in this life with their creator. Allah has created each and every one of us to live our lives on this earth for a time, but after that, it has been ordained by Allah that we return to Him. And Allah (swt) says (interpretation of the meaning is): -

*"....Only he who is saved far from the Fire and admitted to the Garden, will have indeed have been successful]" (Aale-Imran 3:185)*

## The Ultimate Result is The Criterion

*Not alike are the inmates of the fire and the dwellers of the garden (jannah): the dwellers of the garden (jannah) are they that are the achievers. (Surah Al Hashr 59:20)*

So, success and failure is based on the 'ultimate' result. If we are a millionaire or a king in this finite world but end up in hell-fire in the infinite life, then we are a loser. Also, the finite success here as compared to the infinite failure in the next world is negligible. This is similar to division by infinity in mathematics.

## Imam Al-Hasan Al-Basn- Describes The Situation of the Sahaba

He, Allah have mercy on him, said: "By Allah, I have met some people and I accompanied a group of them. They never rejoiced at any worldly thing they attained and were never saddened by anything of the world that they missed. To them, all of the things of the world are far less valuable than this dust. One of them would live for fifty years and never had sufficient cloth (to wear). They would not set up any pot on fire for cooking and there used not to be anything between them and the ground (when they slept). They never ordered for food to be cooked in their homes. When it was night, they would stand on their limbs and prostrate on their faces, tears streaming down their cheeks calling their Lord to ransom their necks (from punishment).

"When they did any good deed, they would persist in thanking Allah for it and ask Him to accept it from them. When they committed any wrong, it would grieve them and they would beg Allah to forgive them and they never ceased to do that. By Allah they were not free of sin and they did not succeed except through seeking forgiveness.

"As for you people, you are waking up to find your lifespan depreciating, your deeds recorded and death, by Allah, is hanging on your neck. The Fire (of Hell) is in front of you. So, expect the decree of Allah, every day and night."

These were the Companions of the Prophet ﷺ. Who can ever come close to their faith and who can ever match their sincerity?

They were people: "Who paid attention to the reality of this world when others paid attention to its superficiality. They paid attention to the Hereafter while others paid attention to this world.

They stymied (of the world) what would sully them. They abandoned (from the world) what they knew will eventually leave them. What they sought from it was indeed very little and their mentioning of it (the world) was only in passing. The (love of the) world faded in their hearts and they never renewed it. It died in their hearts and they never revived it after its death. Rather, they demolished it and built with it their Hereafter. They sold it and bought with it what will remain for them (in the Hereafter). They rejected it and they rejoiced at that. They love Allah and they love His remembrance. They sought illumination by the light of Allah and they illuminated with it. They had wonderful stories (about them) and their experiences were amazing.

"By them the Book (of Allah) was established and by it they stood. By them the Book of Allah spoke and by it they also spoke. By them the Book was known and by it they worked. They never saw anything (of the world) greater than what they achieved. (To them) there was no security in anything greater than what they hoped for and they had no fear in anything greater than what they were afraid of (in the Hereafter)."

They were the proofs of Allah against His creations. He clothed them in the glowing light of His love. He raised for them the banner of guidance to draw near (to Him). He showered on them patience (to avoid) going against the guidance (of Allah). He purified their bodies by their constant watch (of the rights of Allah). He enrobed them with His love, then He deposited in their hearts, treasures of the unseen which are tied to drawing near to Him. Their understanding propels them toward Him. Their attention, in their solitude, is focused on Him. He placed them upon the door of observation close to Him. He placed them on the seats of those who recognize Him.

### **The great things mentioned above started with the Believe and Love for the Hereafter over this world.**

In a hadeeth recorded by Bukhari, Ayesha R.A. said, the first thing that was revealed was about Paradise and the Fire. When the people embraced Islam, the Verses regarding legal and illegal things were revealed. If the first thing to be revealed was: 'Do not drink alcoholic drinks,' people would have said, 'We will never leave alcoholic drinks,' and if there had been revealed, 'Do not commit illegal sexual intercourse,' they would have said, 'We will never give up illegal sexual intercourse.'

From this we understand that the Love of Paradise, the Fear of Hell Fire and the thought of the Day of Judgement is what will keep us away from sins and motivate us to do more righteous deeds. Hence we are gathered here together to learn about the Description of Heaven & Hell based on Quran & Sunnah.

# PARADISE

## There is Nothing Like It

The delights of Paradise surpass the imagination and defy description. They are like nothing known to the people of this world; no matter how advanced we may become, what we achieve is as nothing in comparison with the joys of the Hereafter.

Paradise is the tremendous reward which Allaah (swt) has prepared for His beloved and those who obey Him. It is complete joy and pleasure, where nothing is lacking and nothing can disturb its purity. What Allaah (swt) and His Messenger have told us about it makes our heads spin because our minds are not able to comprehend the greatness of such blessings.

As is mentioned in several reports, there is nothing like Paradise. In a hadith qudsi it is narrated *"I have prepared for My righteous slaves that which no eye has seen, no ear has heard and has never crossed the mind of any human being"*.

Then the Prophet ﷺ said, *"Recite, if you wish: "No person knows what is kept hidden for them of joy as a reward for what they used to do". (32:17)*

The joys of Paradise are far greater than the pleasures of this world, which pale into insignificance in comparison. al-Bukhaari reports from Sahl ibn Sa'd as-Sa'idee that the Messenger of Allaah said: *"A space the size of a whip in Paradise is better than this world and all that is in it"*. (Fath al-Baari, 6/319, an-Nawawi's commentary on Muslim 17/166)

*"It is sparkling light, aromatic plants, a lofty palace, a flowing river, ripe fruit, a beautiful wife and abundant clothing, in an eternal abode of radiant joy, in beautiful soundly-constructed high houses"*. [Ibn Maajah, Ibn Hibbaan]

The Sahabah asked the Prophet ﷺ about the buildings of Paradise and he replied with a wonderful description: *"Bricks of gold and silver, and mortar of fragrant musk, pebbles of pearl and sapphire, and soil of saffron. Whoever enters it is filled with joy and will never feel miserable; he will live there forever and never die; their clothes will never wear out and their youth will never fade."* [Ahmad, at-Tirmidhi].

Allaah (swt) indeed spoke the truth when He (swt) said: *"And when you look there [in Paradise] you will see a delight [that cannot be imagined]. and a great dominion"* [76:20]

Because admittance to Paradise and salvation from the Fire are according to Allaah's will and judgement, it is a great victory and tremendous success, as Allaah (swt) says:

· *"Only he who is saved far from the Fire and admitted to the Garden, will have indeed attained the object of life [or: been successful]" (3:185)*

· *"Allaah has promised to believers - men and women - Gardens under which rivers flow, to dwell therein [forever], and beautiful mansions in Gardens of everlasting bliss. But the greatest bliss is the Good Pleasure of Allaah. That is the supreme felicity [or success]". (9:72)*

· *"...and those who obey Allaah and His Messenger will be admitted to Gardens with rivers flowing underneath, to abide therein [forever] and that will be the supreme achievement". (4:13)*

## Admittance to Paradise

There is no doubt that the joy of the believers will be incomparable when they are led, group by honourable group, to the blessed Gardens of Paradise.

When they reach Paradise its gates will be opened for them, and they will be welcomed by noble angels congratulating them on their safe arrival after suffering so much hardship and witnessing so much horror:

*"And those who feared their Rabb will be led to the garden in crowds, until, behold, they arrive there; its gates will be opened and its keepers will say "Peace be upon you! Well have you done! Enter here, to dwell therein". (39:73)*

In other words, your words, thoughts and deeds were good so your hearts and souls became pure and for that you deserve Paradise.

## The Believers Will Be Purified Before They Enter Paradise

After the Believers have passed over as-Siraat (the bridge over Hell), they will be kept on a bridge between Paradise and Hell, where they will be purified by means of their settling any wrongs that existed between any of them in this world. Then when they enter paradise they will be pure and clean, none of them bearing any ill-will towards another or demanding anything of another. al-Bukhaari reported from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri (RA) that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said: *"The believers will be saved from the Fire then they will be kept on a bridge between Paradise and Hell. They will settle their accounts with one another for any wrongs that existed between them in this world, until they are purified and cleansed, and will be permitted to enter Paradise. By the One in Whose hand is the soul of Muhammad, each of them will know his dwelling in Paradise better than he knew his dwelling in this world". (Sahih al-Bukhaari, Kitaab ar-Riqaaq, Baab al-Qisas Yawm al-Qiyamah, Fath al-Baari, 11/395)*

Our Prophet (saw) will be the first to ask for the gates of paradise to be opened.

## The Gates of Paradise

Paradise has gates through which the believers, like the angels, will enter:

- *"Adn [Eden - everlasting gardens] of Paradise, whose doors will open for them" [38:50]*
- *"...And angels shall enter unto them from every gate [with the salutation]: 'Peace be unto you for that you persevered in patience! How excellent is the final home!'" [13:23-24]*

Allaah (swt) has told us that these gates will be opened when the believers reach them, and they will be welcomed by the angels with greetings of peace: *"...til, when they reach it, its gates will be opened, and its keepers will say, 'Salaamun 'alaykum! You have done well, so enter here to abide therein.'" [39:73]*

The number of gates in Paradise is eight, one of which is called ar-Rayyaan, which is exclusively for those who fast.

Al-Bukhaari and Muslim report from Sahl ibn Sa'eedi that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) said, *"In Paradise there are eight gates, one of which is called ar-Rayyaan. No one will enter it except those who fast, and when they have entered it will be locked behind them and no one else will enter it". [Ibn Katheer, an-Nihaayah, 2/214]*

In addition to ar-Rayyaan, there are also gates for those who pray much, those who give in charity and those who fight in jihaad; Abu Hurayrah (ra) reported that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"Whoever spends a pair [of anything] from his wealth for the sake of Allaah (swt) will be called from the gates of Paradise, and Paradise has eight gates. Whoever used to pray [regularly and properly] will be called from the gate of prayer; whoever use to give in charity will be called from the gate of charity' whoever used to fight in g haad will be called from the gate of g haad, and whoever used to fast [regularly] will be called from the gate of fasting". Abu Bakr (ra) said, "By Allaah, it would not matter if a person was called from any of them but will anyone be called from all of them, O Messenger of Allaah ﷺ?" He said, "Yes, and I hope that you will be one of them". [saheeh, Ibn Katheer, an-Nihaayah, 2/214]*

## The Levels of Paradise

Paradise consists of levels, some of which are above others, and its people will be of differing levels and categories according to their position in Paradise.

The Prophet ﷺ explained that the people will be in different levels in Paradise according to their status. al-Bukhaari and Muslim report from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"The people of Paradise will look at the people dwelling in the chambers above them in*

*the same way that people look at a brilliant star shining far away on the horizon, in the East or West, because of their superiority [in reward] over them."* The people asked, "O Messenger of Allaah, are these the dwellings of the Prophets which no one else can attain?" He replied, "No by the One in Whose Hand is my soul, they are for the men who believed in Allaah, and also in His Messengers." [Saheeh al-Bukhaari, Kitaab Bid' al-Khalq, Baab Sifaat al-Jannah wan-Naar, Fath al-Baari, 6/220; Saheeh Muslim Kitaab al-Jannah, Baab tara'i Ahl al-Jannah Ahl al-Ghuraf, 4/2177, no. 2831]

### **The last man to enter Paradise**

`Abdullah bin Mas`ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, *"I know of the last of the inhabitants of the Hell to be taken out from there and the last one to enter Jannah. He is a man who will come out of the Fire, crawling on all fours. Allah, the Rubb of glory and honour will say to him: 'Go and enter Jannah.' He will go to it and think that it is full up. He will then come back and say: 'O my Rubb, it is full up.' Allah will say to him: 'Go and enter Jannah.' He will again go to it and think that it is full up. So he will turn back. Allah will again say: 'Go and enter Jannah. For you have what is equal to ten times the world.' He will say: 'Are You making fun of me while You are the King?' At this I (i.e., the narrator) saw the Messenger of Allah ﷺ laugh till his premolars were visible and he said, "Such man will be the last dweller of Jannah in its lowest rank."* [Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

IN another hadeeth mentioned by Muslim after the question asked above it is said, *".....He will say: I will be content, my Rubb. Allah will say: For you is that, and like that and like that and like that and like that. He will say at the fifth time: I am well-pleased, my Rubb. Allah will say: It is for you and ten times more like it. You will have whatever your soul desires and whatever your eyes could delight in. He will say: I am well-pleased, my Rubb."*

### **Those Who Take their Positions in the Highest Levels**

Among those who will occupy the highest levels in Paradise are the shuhaadaa, the best of whom are those who fight in the front ranks and never turn away until they are killed.

The one who helps widows and the destitute will have the status of a mujaahid in Paradise. Muslim reports from Abu Hurayrah that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"The one who helps widows and the destitute is like one who fights in g haad for the sake of Allaah (swt)." I [the narrator] think he said, "And he is like the one who stands all night in prayer and never sleeps, and like the one who fasts continually and never breaks his fast".* [Saheeh Muslim,]

The one who sponsors an orphan will be close to the Prophet ﷺ in Paradise. Muslim reports from Abu Hurayrah (ra) that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"The one who sponsors an orphan, whether from his own wealth or from the orphan's wealth, I and he will be like these two in Paradise,"* - and Maalik [the narrator] gestured with his forefinger and middle finger. [Saheeh Muslim, Kitaab az-Zuhd, 2/2286, no. 2982]



Ahmad reports from Abu Hurayrah (ra) that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"Allaah (swt) will raise the status of His righteous slave in Paradise, and he will say, "O my Rabb, how could I deserve this?" He will say, "Because your child sought forgiveness for you"*

From Tomorrow's class we will start with the description of **Paradise - Its Soil, Rivers, Palaces, Gardens, Springs, Light & Fragrance.**

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### TIPS FOR TEST

1. Do not have to memorize the Ayahs & Hadeeths word for word but do remember the Message given in it as many questions will be asked about the message given in them.
2. Remember the Names of the Gates of Paradise.

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## ASSIGNMENT

There will be an Assignment Question asked in the Test. Marks will be given based on the following: -

1. Invite atleast 15 people to the course (link provided below) **5 Marks.** *(check the note below for exceptions)*
2. Share all the 5 notes of the week. **3 Marks.**
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- We do not take into account whether people join or not, our job is to invite.
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# Class 2 - Paradise, It's Soil, Rivers, Springs, Palaces, Light & Fragrance



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## The Soil of Paradise

Al-Bukhaari and Muslim reported the hadith of al-Mi'raaj from Anas ibn Maalik from Abu Dharr in which Abu Dharr (ra) said, "The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"I entered Paradise where I saw lights of pearl and its soil was musk"*. Muslim and Ahmad report from Abu Sa'eed that Ibn Sayyaad asked the Messenger ﷺ about the soil of Paradise. He said, *"It is a fine white powder of pure musk"*.

Ahmad at-Tirmidhi and ad-Daarimi reported that the Prophet ﷺ said, "I asked "O Messenger of Allaah ﷺ, From what are people made?" He said, *"From water."* We asked, "From what is Paradise built?" He said, *"Bricks of gold and silver and mortar of fragrant musk; its pebbles are pearls and rubies, and its soil is saffron. Whoever enters it is blessed with joy and will never be miserable; he will remain there forever and never die; his clothes will never wear out, and his youth will never fade away."* [Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 3/89, no. 5630]

## Rivers of Paradise

Allaah (swt), may He be Blessed and Exalted, has told us that rivers flow from beneath Paradise:

- *"And give glad tidings to those who believe and do righteous good deeds, that for them will be Gardens under which rivers flow.." [2:25]*
- *"For them will be Gardens of Eternity: beneath them rivers will flow" [18:31]*

The Prophet ﷺ told us clearly about the rivers of Paradise. He said that during his Israa' (Night Journey): *"...I saw four rivers flowing out from beneath Sidrat al-Muntahaa, two visible and two hidden. He asked, "O Jibreel, What are these rivers?" He said, "The two hidden rivers are rivers of Paradise, and the two visible rivers are the Nile and the Euphrates"*. [Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaan, Baab al-Israa', 1/150, no. 164; al-Bukhaari reports the same from Anas ibn Maalik, Jaami' al-Usool, 10/507, narrated bt Abu Awanah, al-Isma'eelee and at-Tabaranee in as-Sagheer]

Muslim reports from Abu Hurayrah that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"Sihran, Jihran, the Euphrates and the Nile are all from the rivers of Paradise"*. [Sahih Muslim, Kitaab al-Jannah, Baab ma fid-dunyaa min anhaar al-jannah, 4/2183, no. 2839, al-Albaani attributed it, in Silsilat al-Hadith as-Saheehah 1/6, to Muslim, Ahmad, al-Ajirri and al-Khateeb]

Sheikh Naasir ud-Deen al-Albaani said, *"Perhaps what is meant is that these rivers originated in Paradise just as mankind did; this hadith does not contradict the well-established fact that these rivers spring forth from known sources on earth. If this is not in fact the meaning of this hadith, then it is one of the matters of al-Ghayb [the Unseen], which we must believe and accept because the Prophet (saw) has told us about it".* [Silsilat al-Hadith as-Saheehah, 1/18]

al-Qaree' said, *"These four rivers are considered to be among the rivers of paradise because they are so fresh and beneficial, and contain blessings from Allaah, and were honoured by the fact that the Prophets came to them and drank from them".* [reported by al-Albaani in his footnotes on Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 3/80]

One of the rivers of Paradise is al-Kawthar, which Allaah has given to His Messenger ﷺ: *"Verily We have granted you [O Muhammad] al-Kawthar [a river in Paradise]"* [108:1]

The Prophet ﷺ saw it and told us about it. al-Bukhaari reported from Anas ibn Maalik that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"Whilst I was walking in Paradise I saw a river whose banks were domes of hollow pearls, and I asked, 'What is this, O Jibreel?' He said, 'This is al-Kawthar which your Rabb has given to you'. And its scent - or its mud - was of fragrant musk".* [Sahih al-Bukhaari]

Also narrated by Ahmad from Anas, the Prophet ﷺ said, *"It is a river that Allaah (swt) has given to me in Paradise. Its mud is musk and its water is whiter than milk, and sweeter than honey. Birds with necks like the necks of camels drink from it."*

The rivers of Paradise do not just contain water. There are rivers of water, of milk, of wine and of clear honey.

Allaah (swt) says: *"The description of Paradise which the Muttaqoon have been promised is that in it are rivers of water the taste and smell of which are not changed; rivers of milk of which the taste never changes; rivers of wine delicious to those who drink; and rivers of clarified honey [clear and pure].."* [47:15]

at-Tirmidhi reports, with a sahih isnaad, from Haakim ibn Mu'aawiyah that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"In Paradise there is a sea of honey, a sea of wine, a sea of milk and a sea of water, and the rivers flow out of these seas."* [Jaami' al-Usool, 10/508]

He also told us of a river called Baariq, which flows by the gate of Paradise. During the period of al-Barzakh [the time between death and the day of Judgement] the shuhadaa are beside this river:

Ibn 'Abbaas narrated that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) said, *"The shuuhadaa are in a green dome beside the river of Baariq, near the gate of Paradise, from which provision comes to them morning and evening."* [Saheeh al-Jaami' as-Sagheer, 3/235, no. 3636]

## The Springs of Paradise

In Paradise there are many springs that provide drinks of different tastes:

- *"Truly al-Muttaqoon [the pious and righteous] will be amidst Gardens and Water-springs" [15:45]*
- *"Verily al-Muttaqoon shall be amidst shades and springs." [77:41]*

Concerning the two Gardens which Allaah (swt) has prepared for those who fear their Rabb, Allaah (swt) said, *"In them [both] will be two springs flowing [free]." [55:50]*

And concerning the two Gardens beneath them, He said, *"In them [both] will be two springs gushing forth water." [55:66]*

In Paradise there are two springs from which al-Muqarraboos will drink pure and undiluted (Kafoor), whilst the Abraar will drink their water mixed with something else (Tasneem).

The first is the spring of Kafoor, as Allaah (swt) says: *"Verily the Abraar [the pious, those who fear Allaah and avoid evil], shall drink a cup [of wine] mixed with water from a spring in Paradise called Kafoor, A spring wherefrom the slaves of Allaah will drink, causing it to gush forth abundantly." [76:5-6]*

He tells us that the pious will drink from it mixed with something else, whilst those close to Allaah will drink it pure and undiluted.

The second spring is of Tasneem, as Allaah (swt) says: *"Verily al-Abraar will be in delight [Paradise], On thrones, looking [at all things]. You will recognise in their faces the brightness of delight. They will be given to drink pure sealed wine, the last thereof [that wine] will be the smell of musk, and for this let [all] those who strive who want to strive [i.e. hasten earnestly to the obedience of Allaah]. It [that wine] will be mixed with Tasneem, a spring whereof drink those nearest to Allaah." [83:22-27]*

Another of the springs of Paradise is called al-Salsabeel as Allaah (swt) says: *"And they will be given to drink there a cup [of wine] mixed with zanjabeel [ginger], a spring there, called Salsabeel". [76:17-18]*

This is probably the same spring as that mentioned above, i.e. Kafoor.

## The Palaces and Tents of Paradise

Allaah (swt) will build good and beautiful dwellings for the people of Paradise: *"and beautiful mansions in Gardens of everlasting bliss" [9:72]*

In some places in the Qur'aan, Allaah (swt) described these dwellings as ghurafaat [chambers or dwellings]: *"and they will reside in the high dwellings [Paradise] in peace and security."*

[34:37]

The reward for the slaves of the all-Merciful will be: *"Those will be rewarded with the highest place [in Paradise] because of their patience. Therein they shall be met with greetings and the word of peace and respect"* [25:75]

Allaah (swt) described these Ghurafaat: *"But for those who fear Allaah and keep their duty to their Rabb [Allaah], for them are built lofty rooms, one above the other, under which rivers flow. [This is] the Promise of Allaah, and Allaah does not fail in [His] Promise."* [39:20]

Ibn Katheer said: "Allaah has told us about His blessed slaves who will have rooms [or dwellings] in Paradise: these will be lofty palaces, "lofty rooms, one above another - story upon story, well-constructed, strong and decorated. The Prophet (saw) described these palaces to us. According to a hadith narrated by Ahmad, and Ibn Hibbaan from Abu Maalik al-Ash'ari and by at-Tirmidhi from 'Ali (ra) the Prophet ﷺ said: *"In Paradise there are dwellings whose inside can be seen from the outside, and the outside can be seen from inside. Allaah [swt] has prepared them for those who feed the hungry, and speak softly and gently, fast continuously and pray at night whilst the people are asleep."* [Saheeh al-Jaami' as-Sagheer, 2/220, no. 2119]

Allaah (swt) has told us that there are tents or pavilions in Paradise: *"Houris [beautiful, fair females] restrained in pavilions"* [55:72]

These pavilions are wondrous tents, made of pearls, each one is made from a single, hollowed-out pearl. They are sixty miles high; according to some reports they are sixty miles wide. al-Bukhaari reports from 'Abdullaah ibn Qays that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"The tent is a hollowed out pearl, thirty miles high; in each corner of it the believer will have a wife whom no one else can see"*. Abu 'Abdus-Samad and al-Haarith reported from Abu 'Imraan that the wording was *"sixty miles high"* [Sahih al-Bukhaari, Kitaab Bid' al-Khalq, Baab Sifaat al-Jannah, Fath al-Baari, 6/318]

The Prophet ﷺ said, *"The believer in Paradise will have a tent made out of a single, hollowed-out pearl, sixty miles long, in which he will have [a number of] wives, whom he will visit in turn, none of whom will see the others"*. [Muslim]

The Prophet ﷺ told us about the characteristics of the palaces of some of his wives and companions. al-Bukhaari and Muslim report that Abu Hurayrah (ra) said, *"Jibreel came to the Prophet (saw) said, "O Messenger of Allaah, Khadeejah is coming, carrying a container of food. When she comes to you, convey to her greetings of peace from her Rabb and from me, and give her the glad tidings of a house in Paradise made of brocade, in which there is no noise or exhaustion."* [Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 3/266]

Muslim, Abu Dawud, Ahmad, an-Nasaa'ee, and Ibn Maajah report from Umm Habeebah that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"Whoever prays twelve extra [supererogatory] rak'ahs*

*every day, Allaah (swt) will build for him a house in Paradise."* [Saheeh al-Jaami', 5/316, no. 6234]

*We will study in Class 5 deeds that can get us Palaces in Paradise InShaAllah.*

## The Light of Paradise

al-Qurtubee said, *"The scholars said there is no night and day in Paradise, rather they will be in eternal everlasting light. They will know when night comes because curtains or screens will be put up and doors will be closed, and they will know when day comes because the curtains or screens will be taken down and the doors will be opened. This was mentioned by Abul-Faraj ibn al-Jawzee"* [al-Qurtubee, at-Tadhkirah, p. 504]

Ibn Katheer in his commentary on the aayah: *"And they will have therein their sustenance, morning and evening. Such is the Paradise, which We shall give as an inheritance to those of Our slave who have been al-Muttaqoon [pious and righteous]"* [19:62-63] said, *"This means something approximate to the times of day and night, it does not mean that there will be a day and night there. They will know the passing of time by the changes in the light"* [Tafseer Ibn Katheer, 4/471]

On the same subject, Ibn Taymiyyah said, *"There is no sun and moon in Paradise, and no day or night, but they will know morning and evening from a light that shines from the direction of the Throne"* [Majmu' Fataawa Shaikh al-Islaam, 4/312]

## The Fragrance of Paradise

Paradise is filled with a pure and beautiful fragrance, which the believers will be able to discern from a great distance. Ahmad, an-Nasaa'ee, Ibn Maajah and al-Haakim report with a saheeh isnaad that the Messenger ﷺ said, *"Whoever kills a man of Ahl ad-Dhimmah [non-Muslims living under Islaamic rule] will not smell the fragrance of Paradise, even though its fragrance can be discerned from a distance of forty years' travelling."* [Saheeh al-Jaami as-Sagheer, 5/235, no. 6324 adn 5/337 no. 6333]

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# Class 3 - The Trees, Fruits & Food in Paradise

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## THE TREES AND FRUITS OF PARADISE

### Its trees and fruits are of many kinds and everlasting

The trees of Paradise are abundant and good and of many kinds. Allaah has told us that there are grapevines, date-palms and pomegranate trees in Paradise, as well as lotus trees and acacia trees:

- *"Verily, for the muttaqoon, there will be a success [Paradise], gardens and grape yards" [78:31-32]*
- *"in them [both will be fruits, date palms and pomegranates]" [55:68]*
- *"And those on the Right Hand - who will be those on the Right Hand? [They will be] among thornless lote-trees, Among Talh trees with fruits piled one above another, In shade long-extended, By water flowing constantly, And fruit in plenty" [56:27-32]*

The lotus tree [ad-Sidr] is a thorny plant, but in Paradise it will be thornless. at-Talh [acacia tree] is a tree of Hijaaz, a kind of 'idah [a fair sized thorny shrub], but in Paradise its fruits will be ready to eat, with no effort required.

What Allaah (swt) has told us about the trees of Paradise is only a small part of what Paradise contains. Hence Allaah told us *"In them [both] will be every kind of fruit in pairs"* [55:52]

Because of its abundance, people will be able to leave what they want and take what they want:

- *"...and therein they will call for fruits in abundance and drinks". [38:51]*
- *"With fruits, any that they may select" [56:20]*
- *"Verily the Muttaqoon shall be amidst shades and springs, And fruits - such as they desire" [77:41-42]*

In short, Paradise contains all kinds of fruits and other joys that one's heart could desire:

*"Trays of gold and cups will be passed round them, [there will be] therein all that one's soul could desire, all that the eyes could delight in, and you will abide therein forever" [43:71]*

Ibn Katheer had said some profound words about the greatness of the fruits of Paradise, and concluded that by means of understatement, Allaah (swt) conveyed the abundance and greatness of those fruits. He said, *"The lotus tree [as-Sidr] does not bear any fruit other than some insignificant, inferior fruits, and it is thorny. The acacia tree [at-Talh] is only used for shade in this world [not for fruit] but in Paradise there will be many of them, growing beautifully, and bearing such abundant fruit that a single fruit will have seventy kinds of taste and colour that resemble one another.*

*So how do you think the trees that are grown for their fruit on earth will be in Paradise, like apple trees, date palms, grape vines and so on? How do you think the flowers will be? In short, there will be what no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no human heart can comprehend and we ask Allaah (swt) to grant us some of this, by His Grace" [an-Nihaayah, 2/262]*

The trees of Paradise bear fruit constantly, unlike the trees of this world, which bear fruit only at certain times or seasons. The trees of Paradise always bear fruit and offer shade:

- *"The description of the Paradise which the Muttaqoon have been promised! - Underneath it rivers flow, its provision is eternal and so is its shade" [13:55]*
- *"And fruit in plenty, whose season is not limited, and their supply will not be cut off" [56:32-33]*

The supply is continuous and the people of Paradise are never denied. one of the delights that the people of Paradise will enjoy is finding that its fruits are similar in appearance, but different in taste: *"Everytime they will be provided with a fruit therefrom, they will say, 'This is what we were provided with before', and they will be given things in resemblance [i.e. in the same form but different in taste]" [2:25]*

The trees of Paradise are of rich and lush foliage - *"With spreading branches" [55:48]*, and they are intensely green - *"dark and green [in colour]" [55:64]*. The intensity of the colour is because of the density of the trees in Paradise.

The fruits of the trees will be low-hanging, in easy reach of the people of Paradise: *"Reclining upon the couches lined with silk brocade, and the fruits of the two Gardens will be near at hand" [55:54]*

The shade of these trees will be as Allaah (swt) says:

- *"..and We shall admit them to shades wide and ever deepening". [4:57]*
- *"In shade long-extended" [56:30]*

## **Some of the trees of Paradise**

The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ told us wondrous things about some of the trees of paradise which indicates that they are so amazingly huge that trying to imagine them makes one's head spin. We shall quote some examples here:

a) A tree whose shadow it takes one hundred years to cross. This is a huge tree, whose true size is known only to its Creator. The Prophet ﷺ conveyed an impression of its size when he said that *"In Paradise there is a tree which the rider of a swift horse would need one hundred years to pass beneath"* [al-Bukhaari]

(b) Sidrat al-Muntaha. There is a tree in paradise which Allaah has mentioned in a clear and unambiguous revelation. Allaah (swt) told us that our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ saw Jibreel in the form in which Allaah created him at that tree. He also told us that it was veiled with something known only to Allaah (swt) when the Prophet ﷺ saw it: *"And indeed he [Muhammad] saw him [Jibreel] at a second descent [i.e. a second time] near Sidrat al-Muntaha [the Lote-tree of the utmost boundary beyond which none may pass] near it is the Paradise of Abode. When that covered the lote-tree which covered it! The sight of [Muhammad] turned not aside [right or left], nor did it transgress beyond [the] limit [ordained for it]"* [53:13-18]

The Prophet ﷺ told us about what he saw of this tree: *"Then I was taken up until I reached Sidrat al-Muntaha and I saw its Nabq [fruits] which looked like the clay jugs of Hajar, its leaves were like the ears of elephants, and one of these leaves could cover the whole of this ummah. It was veiled in colours indescribable. Then I entered Paradise, and its lights were pearls and its soil was musk"*. [Saheeh al-Jaami' as-Sagheer, 4/82, no. 4075, al-Bukhaari and Muslim; see also al-Bukhaari, Ahmad, at-Tirmidhi and Muslim, Saheeh al-Jaami', 3/18, no. 2861]

(c) Tooba. This is a huge tree which produces the fabric for the clothing of the people of Paradise. Ahmad Ibn Jareer and Ibn Hibbaan report from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"Tooba is a tree in Paradise, as big as a hundred year's journey; the clothes of the people of Paradise comes from its calyces [the outer parts of its flowers]"* [Silsilat al-Hadith as-Saheehah, 4/639, no. 1985, the isnaad is hasan]

Narrated by Ahmad from 'Abdullaah ibn 'Amr, who said, "A man came to the Prophet ﷺ and asked, "O Messenger of Allaah, tell us about the clothes of the people of Paradise; are they created or are they woven?" Some of the people laughed. The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"Why are you laughing? Because someone who does not know has asked someone who does know?"* Then he turned and asked, "Where is the one who asked the question?" The man said, "Here I am, O Messenger of Allaah". He said, *"No, they are produced by the fruits of Paradise"* three times" [Silsilat al-Hadith as-Saheehah, 4/640]

**The trunks of the trees of Paradise are of Gold.** One of the wondrous things that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) told us is that the trunks of the trees are gold: *"There is no tree in Paradise that does not have a trunk made of gold"* [Ibn Hibbaan, at-Tirmidhi]

**The best aromatic plants in Paradise.** Allaah told us that in Paradise there are aromatic plants: *"[there is for him] rest and provision [Rayhaan - literally - sweet smelling plants, here used as symbolical of complete satisfaction and delight]"* [56:89]

In Mu'jam at-Tabaraanee al-Kabeer, a report from 'Abdullaah ibn 'Amr whose isnaad is saheeh according to the conditions of al-Bukhaari and Muslim states that the Prophet (saw) said, *"The best of the aromatic plants of Paradise is henna."* [SilSilah as-Saheehah, 3/407, no. 1420]

## How can the Believer increase his/her share of the trees of Paradise?

1. al-Khaleel ar-Rahmaan and the Father of the Prophets, Ibraaheem (as) asked our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ on the night of the Israa' to convey his greetings to this ummah and to tell them the way in which they could increase their share of the trees of Paradise. at-Tirmidhi reported with a hasan isnaad from Ibn Mas'oud that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said: *"I met Ibraaheem...and he said, "O Muhammad, tell your ummah that Paradise is a a land whose soil is good and its water is sweet. It is an empty plain, which will be planted with SubhaanAllaah, al-Hamdulillaah, and Allaahu Akbar"* [Saheeh al-Jaami' as-Sagheer, 5/34, no. 5028]
2. Also it was narrated from Jabir (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: *"Whoever says Subhan Allah il 'azeem wa bi hamdihi (Glory and praise be to Allah, the Almighty), a palm tree will be planted for him in Paradise."* (Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, classes as sahih by Albani)

## The Animals and Birds of Paradise

The kinds of birds and animals that exist in Paradise are known only to Allaah. He ta'ala told us that among the delights enjoyed by the people of Paradise will be:

*"..and the flesh of fowls any that they may desire"* [56:21]

at-Tirmidhi reports from Anas that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ was asked, "What is al-Kawthar?" He said, *"That is a river that Allaah has given me... and in it are birds with necks like the necks of camels"*. 'Umar said, These birds will be in bliss". The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"Those who eat them will be more blissful"*. [Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 2/91]

## THE FOOD AND DRINK OF THE PEOPLE OF PARADISE

We have already discussed the trees and fruits of Paradise, including the ripe fruits, which hang within easy reach, so that the people of Paradise may pick whichever fruits they desire.

The people will also have whatever food and drink they desire:

- *"Any fruit [any] that they may choose, And the flesh of fowls that they desire" [56:20-21]*
- *"...there will be there all that the souls could desire, all that the eyes could delight in." [43:71]*

Allaah (swt) will permit them to take whatever they want of the good food and drink of Paradise: *"Eat and drink at ease for that which you have sent on before you in days past!" [69:24]*

We have also covered before that in Paradise there will be a sea of water, a sea of wine, a sea of milk and a sea of honey, and the rivers of Paradise will flow out of these seas. There will be also many springs in Paradise, and its people will drink from these seas, rivers and springs.

#### (i) The Wine of the People of Paradise

One of the drinks that Allaah will bestow on the people of Paradise will be wine. The wine of Paradise is free of all the troubles and problems that characterise the wine of this world, which makes people lose their minds, and causes headaches, stomach aches and other physical disorders, or which may have something wrong in the way it is made, or its colour, etc. But the wine of Paradise is free from all such faults; it is pure and beautiful: *"Round them will be passed a cup of pure wine; white, delicious to the drinkers. Neither will they have ghouh [any kind of hurt, abdominal pain, headache, etc] from that, nor will they suffer intoxication therefrom" [37:45-47]*

#### (ii) The first food of the people of Paradise

The first food which Allaah (swt) will present to the people of Paradise will be the caudate [extra] lobe of fish-liver. al-Bukhaari reports that 'Abdullaah ibn Salaam asked the Prophet ﷺ a number of questions when he first came to Madinah, one of which was, *"What is the first thing that the people of Paradise will eat?"* He said, *"The caudate [extra] lobe of fish liver"* [Ibn Katheer, an-Nihaayah, 2/270]

### **The food and drink of the people of Paradise does not produce any impure excrement.**

It might cross one's mind that the food and drink of Paradise might produce the same as the food and drink of this world, namely excrement, urine, mucus, saliva, and so on. But this is not the case. Paradise is a place that is free from all impurities, and its people are free of all the blemishes of people of this world. A hadith reported by al-Bukhaari and Muslim from Abu Hurayrah clearly rejects such a notion: the Prophet ﷺ said, *"The first group to enter Paradise will be as beautiful as the full moon; they will not spit or blow their noses."* [al-Bukhaari]



This does not only apply to the first group to enter Paradise, all those who enter will be similarly pure. Muslim reports from Abu Hurayrah that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, It might be asked where will the waste produces go? This question was posed to the Prophet ﷺ by his Sahabah and he replied, *"[It will come out as] burps which are like musk."* [Muslim in 4/2180, no. 2835]. Other parts the excretions will be turned into sweat like musk that will come out of their bodies.

### **Why Will the People of Paradise Eat and Drink and Comb their Hair?**

If the people of Paradise are to abide there forever, and it is free from all discomfort, pain and sickness, if there is no hunger or thirst there, and no impurities or dirt, then why will the people of Paradise eat and drink, and wear perfume and comb their hair?

al-Qurtubee answered this question in at-Tadhkirah [p. 475, see also al-Fath, 6/325]: *"The luxuries and clothing of the people of Paradise will not be for the purpose of warding off potential pains; they will not eat because of hunger or drink because of thirst, or wear perfume because of some offensive odour, because Paradise is a never-ending succession of delight and joy. Do you not remember the words of Allaah (swt) to Aadam?"*

*"Verily you have [a promise from Us] that you will never be hungry therein nor naked. And you [will] suffer not from thirst therein nor from the sun's heat."* [20:118-119]

The wisdom behind it [food and drink, etc] is so that Allaah will introduce Paradise to them in ways similar to the good things that they enjoyed on earth, but He will increase it in ways known only to Him."

### **The Vessels and Cups of the People of Paradise**

The vessels from which the people of Paradise will eat and drink will be of gold and silver. Allaah (swt) says:

- *"Trays of gold and cups will be passed round them.." [43:71] i.e. cups of gold.*
- *"And amongst them, will be passed round vessels of silver and cups of crystal, crystal-clear, made of silver. They will determine the measure thereof according to their wishes." [76:15] i.e it will combine the purity of crystal with the whiteness of silver.*

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# Class 4 - Delights of the People of Paradise (Their Clothes, Jewelry, Servants, Gatherings & Hoor Al Ayn)



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## THE CLOTHING, JEWELRY AND INCENSE-BURNERS OF THE PEOPLE OF PARADISE

The people of Paradise will wear the most luxurious clothes, amongst other things, garments of silk and bracelets of gold, silver and pearls. Allaah (swt) says:

- *"And their recompense will be Paradise, and silken garments, because they were patient."* [76:12]
- *"...wherein they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments will be of silk."* [22:23]
- *"Adn Paradise they will enter, therein will they be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments there will be of silk."* [35:33]
- *"...They will be adorned with bracelets of silver, and their Rabb will give them a pure drink."* [76:21]

Their clothes will be colourful, including garments of green silk and brocade:

- *"..They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold, and they will wear green garments of fine silk and heavy brocade. They will recline therein on raised thrones. How good the recompense! How beautiful a couch to recline on."* [18:31]
- *"Their garments will be of fine green silk, and gold embroidery. They will be adorned with bracelets of silver.."* [76:21]

The Prophet ﷺ also told us that the people of Paradise will have combs of gold and silver, and that they will perfume themselves with 'Ud at-Teeb, even though the scent of musk will be emanating from their pure bodies. Their jewellery will include crowns. at-Tirmidhi and Ibn Maajah report from al-Miqdaam ibn Ma'd Yakrib that among the honours bestowed upon the martyr will be: *"..there will be placed upon his head a crown of dignity, one ruby of which is*

*better than this world and all that is in it."* [Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 3/358, no. 3834, Saheeh Muslim, saheeh]

The clothing and jewellery of the people of Paradise will never wear out or fade. Muslim reports from Abu Hurayrah (ra) that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"Whoever enters Paradise is blessed, and will never be miserable, his clothes will never wear out and his youth will never fade away."* [Saheeh Muslim, Kitaab al-Jannah, Baab fi Dawam Na'eem al-Jannah, 4/2181, no. 2836]

### **The Couches of the People of Paradise**

The palaces of Paradise have been prepared, and in their gardens are places to sit and recline, beautiful couches of delightful colours and high beds whose interiors are lined with silk brocade, let alone how magnificent their outward appearance must be. There are cushions and splendid carpets laid out in the most delightful fashion. Allaah (swt) says:

- *"Therein will be thrones raised high, And cups set at hand, and cushions set in rows, and rich carpets [all spread out]"* [88:13-16]
- *"They will recline [with ease] on thrones arranged in ranks. And We shall marry them to Houris [female fair ones] with wide lovely eyes."* [52:20]
- *"A multitude of those [foremost] will be from the first generations [who embraced Islaam] and a few of those [foremost] will be from the later time [generations]. [They will be] on thrones woven with gold and precious stones, reclining thereon, face to face."* [56:13-16]

This reclining on those thrones and couches will be one of the luxuries that the people of Paradise will enjoy when they gather together, as Allaah (swt) says,

- *"And we shall remove from their breasts any lurking sense of injury; [they will be like] brothers [joyfully] facing each other on thrones [of dignity]."* [15:47]
- *"Reclining on green cushions and rich beautiful mattresses"* [55:76]
- *"Reclining upon the couches lined with silk brocade"* [55:54]

### **The Servants of the People of Paradise**

The People of Paradise will be served by boys whom Allaah (swt) will create to serve them and who will be most beautiful and perfect in form:

- *"They will be served by immortal boys, With cups, and jugs, and a glass from the flowing wine."* [56:17-18]
- *"And round about them will [serve] boys of everlasting youth. If you see them, you would think them scattered pearls."* [76:19]

Ibn Katheer, may Allaah have mercy on him, said, *"Boys of eternal youth will go around to serve people of Paradise, boys who remain in that youthful form forever, never changing or advancing in age. It was said that they will be wearing earrings, to emphasise their youth, because such a thing is appropriate for young people, but it does not befit those who are older. And Allaah (swt) said [76:19] i.e. if you saw them going around to attend to the needs of their masters, with their beautiful faces and splendid colourful clothes and jewellery, you would think that they were scattered pearls. There is no more beautiful description than the picture of pearls scattered in a place of beauty."* [Tafseer Ibn Katheer, 7/184]

Some scholars suggested that these boys are the children of the Muslims and Mushrikeen who die in childhood, but this was refuted by al-'Allaamah Ibn Taymiyyah, who explained that these boys of eternal youth are part of the creation of Paradise: *"..they are not the children of this world. When the children of this world enter Paradise, they will do so in a perfect form, like all the other people of Paradise, in the form of their father, Aadam."* [Majmu' al-Fatawa, 4/279, 4/311]

### **The Market of the People of Paradise**

Muslim reported from Anas ibn Maalik that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) said; *"In Paradise there is a market to which the people will come every Friday, then a wind will come from the north and blow on their faces, and clothes, and they will increase in beauty. Then they will return to their wives, who will also have increased in beauty. Their wives will say to them, "By Allaah, you increased in beauty after you left us." And they will say, "And you too, by Allaah, you have increased in beauty since you left us."* [Saheeh Muslim, Kitaab al-Jannah, Baab fi Sooq al-Jannah, 4/2178, no. 2833]

an-Nawawi commented on this hadith, *"What is meant by a market is a gathering place where the people will come together, just as they gather in marketplaces in this world. Gathering together every Friday means that they will meet once a week, or what approximates to once a week; there will be no real weeks there, as there will be no sun or moon or days. The wind of Paradise was described specifically as being the north winds, because for the Arabs this is the wind that brings rain, coming from the direction of Syria, so they always hoped for a wind coming from the north. In the hadith this wind is called al-Mutheerah, i.e. something that carries things, because it will blow the sand or dust of Paradise into their faces, which is musk."*

### **"The Gatherings and Conversations of the People of Paradise**

The people of Paradise will visit one another, in delightful gatherings where they will remember their lives in this world and how Allaah (swt) has blessed them by admitting them to Paradise. Allaah (swt) described the gatherings of the people of Paradise: *"And We shall remove from their breasts any lurking sense of injury, [they will be like] brothers, [joyfully] facing each other on thrones [of dignity]."* [15:47]

Allaah (swt) has also described some of the kinds of conversation that will take place in their gatherings: *"And some of them draw near to others, questioning, saying, "Aforetime we*



*were afraid with our families [of the punishment of Allaah], but Allaah has been gracious to us, and has saved us from the torment of the Fire. Verily, we used to invoke Him [Alone and none else] before. Verily He is Al-Barr, the All-Merciful."* [52:25-28]

### **The Wishes of the People of Paradise**

Some of the People of Paradise will wish for things that will be fulfilled in the strangest ways, unlike anything that happens in this world. The Messenger ﷺ told of some of these and how they will be fulfilled. Abu Hurayrah said that the Prophet ﷺ was speaking and a bedouin man was present. The Prophet ﷺ said: *"A man from the people of Paradise will ask his Rabb for permission to grow things. Allaah will ask him, "Do you not have what you want?" He will say, "Of course, but I love to grow things." So he will sow the seeds and in the blinking of an eye the plant will grow and its fruit will ripen and become like mountains. Allaah (swt) will say, "Here it is. O son of Aadam nothing satisfies you!" The Bedouin said, "By Allaah! you wont find him except he is from Quraysh or the Ansaar for these are the people that love to grow things. As for us, we don't grow anything!" The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ laughed."* [Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 3/95, no. 5653]

## **THE WIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF PARADISE**

### **The Wife Of The Believer In This World Will Be His Wife In The Hereafter If She Is Righteous**

- *"Gardens of 'Adn, which they shall enter, and [also] those who act righteously from among their fathers, and their wives and their offspring..."* [13:23]
- *"They and their wives will be in pleasant shade, reclining on thrones."* [36:56]
- *"Enter Paradise, you and your wives, in happiness"* [43:70]

\* A Woman [Who Was Married More Than Once] Will Be With The Last of Her Husbands

### **al-Hoor al-'Eeyn**

Allaah (swt) will marry the believers in Paradise to beautiful women who were not their wives in this world, as Allaah (swt) says: *"So [it will be] and We shall marry them to Houris with wide lovely eyes."* [44:54]

al-Hoor is the plural of Hooraa', which is a woman, the white parts of her eyes intensely white, and the black is intensely black. al-'Eeyn is the plural fo 'Aynaa, which is the woman whose eyes are wide.

The Qur'aan describes al-Hoor al-'Eeyn as being firm and full-breasted: *"Verily, for al-Muttaqoon, there will be a success; gardens and grapeyards and young full-breasted*

*[mature] maidens of equal age."* [78:31-33]

Al-Hoor al-'Eeyn are creatures that Allaah (swt) has made especially for Paradise, and has made them virgins: *"Verily, We have created [their companions] of special creation, and made them virgin-pure [and undefiled], beloved [by nature], equal in age."* [56:35-37]

al-Hoor are also described as restraining their gaze upon their husbands i.e. they restrict their gaze and don't let their eyes wander to others. Allaah (swt) has stated that they are very beautiful, and it is sufficient to know that Allaah (swt) said: *"In them will be fair [companions] good and beautiful; then which of the favours of your Rabb will you deny? Companions restrained [as to their glances] in [goodly] pavilions"* [55:70-72]

The women are not like the women of this world. They are free of al-Hayd [menstruation], an-Nifaas [post-natal bleeding], spittle, mucus, urine and stools. This is what is referred to in the aayah: *"..And they shall have therein Azwaajun Mutahharatun [purified mates]"* [2:25]

Look at this beauty that the Prophet ﷺ described! Can you find any comparison to it in the world that you know?! :

The Prophet ﷺ said,

- *"...the marrow of whose leg-bones will be visible through the flesh because of their extreme beauty."* (Bukhair & Muslim)
- *"If one of the women of Paradise were to look at the people of this world, everything in between them would be lit up and filled with her fragrance. The veil on her head is better than this world and everything in it."* [al-Bukhaari]

The smallest number of wives that any one man will have in Paradise is seventy-two. It was reported that the Shaheed will have seventy two wives from amongst al-Hoor a--'Eeyn [Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 3/357, no. 3834, at-Tirmidhi, Ibn Maajah from al-Miqdaam ibn Ma'd Yakrib]

### **The Song of al-Hoor al-'Eeyn**

The Messenger ﷺ told us that al-Hoor in Jannah sing with sweet, beautiful voices. In al-Mu'jam al-Awsat, at-Tabaraani reports with a saheeh isnaad from Ibn 'Umar that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"The wives of the people of Paradise will sing to their husband in the most beautiful voices that anyone has ever heard. What they will sing is: "We are good and beautiful, the wives of a noble people, who look at their husbands content and happy." And they will sing, "We are eternal, and will never die, we are safe and will never fear, we are remaining here and will never go away.""* [Saheeh al-Jaami as-Sagheer, 2/48, no. 1557; also Abu Na'eem, ad-Diyaa in Sifaat al-Jannah]

### **The Jealousy of al-Hoor al-'Eeyn over their Husbands in this World**

The Prophet ﷺ told us that al-Hoor feel jealous over their husbands in this world, if the wife of one of them upsets him. Ahmad and at-Tirmidhi report with a saheeh isnaad from Mu'aadh that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"No woman in this world upsets her husband but his wife from among al-Hoor al-'Eyn will say, "Do not upset him, may Allaah kill you! For he is with you only temporarily, and soon he will leave you and come to us.""* [Saheeh al-Jaami' as-Sagheer, 6/125, no. 7069]

### **The believer in Paradise will be given the Strength of One Hundred Men**

Anas reported that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"The believer in Paradise will be given such and such strength."* He was asked, *"O Messenger of Allaah, will he really be able to do that?"* He said, *"He will be given the strength of one hundred men."* [it was reported by at-Tirmidhi, Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 3/90, no. 5636, at-Tirmidhi said: "ghareeb saheeh."]

### **The Best Thing That The Ahl al-Jannah Will Be Given Is The Pleasure of Allaah (swt) And To See His Face**

Allah says, *"Some faces that Day will be Nadhirah [shining, radiant], Looking at their Rabb."* [75:22-23] Ibn al-Itheer said, *"Seeing Allaah is the ultimate joy in the Hereafter, the most precious gift of Allaah. May Allaah (swt) help us reach that goal."* [Jaami' al-Usool, 10/557]

Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri reported that the Prophet ﷺ said that *"Allaah will say to the people of Paradise, "O People of Paradise! They will say, "We are at Your Worship, our Rabb, and all goodness is in Your hand." He will say, "Are you content?" They will say, "Why should we not be content, O Rabb, when you have given us what you have not given to anyone else of Your Creation?" He will say, "Shall I not give you better than that?" They will say, "O Rabb, what could be better than that?" He will say, "I grant you My pleasure and I will never be displeased with you after that."* [al-Bukhaari and Muslim, Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh]

Muslim and at-Tirmidhi reported from Suhayb ar-Rumi that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said: *"When the people of Paradise enter Paradise, Allaah will say: "Do you want anything more?" They will say, "Have You not made our faces white [i.e. honoured us]? Have You not admitted us to Paradise and saved us from the Fire?" Then the veil will be lifted, and they will never have been given anything more dear to them than looking at their Rabb, may He be Blessed and Exalted."* One report adds, *"Then the Prophet ﷺ recited the aayah, "For those who have done good is the best [reward i.e. Paradise] and even more [i.e. the honour of glancing at the Countenance of Allaah]..."* [10:26]

Thus seeing the Face of Allaah (swt) was interpreted as part of the "more" [mazeed] which Allaah has promised to al-Muhsinoon [those who have done good]: *"There they will have all that they desire - and We have more [for them, i.e. a glance at the All-Mighty, All-Majestic."* [50:35]

Imaam Maalik ibn Anas, the Imaam of al-Madinah, used this aayah as proof that "Looking at their Rabb" [75:23] literally meant they would see the face of Allaah, as some had interpreted

it as meaning the people would be waiting for their reward. Maalik said, *"They have lied.... The people will look at Allaah on the Day of Resurrection with their own eyes. If the believers are not going to see their Rabb on the Day of Resurrection, why did Allaah (swt) say that the kuffaar would be veiled from Seeing Him?"* [See Sharh as-Sunnah, Mishkaat al-Masaabeeh, 3/100 no. 5662]

*May Allah make us all amongst the Muhsinoon.*

Tomorrow's class will be **"Deeds that can Help us to get to Jannah"**

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#### **TIPS FOR TEST**

1. Do not have to memorize the Ayahs & Hadeeths word for word but do remember the Message given in it as many questions will be asked about the message given in them.
2. This class is more to motivate us to do good and stand a chance to get these delights by the Mercy of Allah.

# Class 5 - Deeds that can lead us to Jannah



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## KEY TO PARADISE

The Key to Paradise is our Shahadah, the Kalimah – Laa Ilaaha Ill Allah Muhammadur Rasool Allah (None Has the right to be worshiped but Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger).

Every Muslim has been taught that the key to "Jannah" (Paradise) is the statement in Arabic: "Laa illaha illa allah." (There is none worthy of worship except Allah.) Yet too many Muslims simply rely upon this statement and believe that as long as they have made this statement, nothing will harm them. They think they will be granted Paradise because of this mere verbal statement of the Shahadah. There is no question that the mere saying of the shahadah: "I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger" is not sufficient for salvation. In fact, the munafiqeen (hypocrites) used to make this statement quite often yet Allah describes them as liars and says that they shall abide in the lowest abyss of the Hell-fire.

Our scholars of Islam are quick to tell us that this testimony of faith is our "Muftah ul Jannah" (Key to Paradise). But there are conditions, Wahb ibn Munabbih R.A. was asked, 'Is not the testification that "none has the right to be worshipped save Allah" the key to Paradise?' He replied, *'Of course, but every key has its teeth: if you bring a key that has teeth, the door shall open; but if not, it will not.'* (Sahih Bukhari)

It was said to al-Hasan, "People say that whoever says, 'None has the right to be worshipped.....,' shall enter Paradise. He replied, *'Whoever says, 'None has the right to be worshipped.....,' and fulfils its obligations and meets its requirements shall enter Paradise.'*"

That is, the statement must meet certain conditions. These conditions are what will differentiate the person who will benefit from his making of that statement from the one who will not benefit from that statement, no matter how many times a day he may have made that statement.

There are 7 conditions enlisted by the Scholars as the ridges of this key, the conditions of La ilaha illallah, and they are: -

1. **Al-`Ilm (Knowledge)** of the meaning of the shahadah, its negation and affirmation)
2. **Al-Yaqeen (Certainty)** – perfect knowledge of it that counter-acts suspicion and doubt)
3. **Al-Qubool (Acceptance)** that contradicts rejection).

4. **Al-Inqiad (Submission)** to its rightful requirements, which are the duties that must be performed with sincerity to Allah (alone) seeking His pleasure)
5. **Al-Sidq (Truthfulness)** that permits neither falsehood nor hypocrisy)
6. **Al-Ikhlaas (Sincerity)** which negates shirk)
7. **Al-Mahabbah (Love)** of the shahadah and its meaning, and being happy with it)

Along with Tawheed one must also come with good deeds — the performance of Acts of obedience and the avoidance of forbidden acts.

## Minimum Deeds for Paradise

A man questioned the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ and said : Do you think that if I perform the obligatory Prayers, fast in Ramadaan, treat as lawful that which is Halaal, and treat as forbidden that which is Haraam, and do not increase upon that [in voluntary good deeds], then shall I enter Paradise? He (sallAllahu alayhi wa sallam) replied : Yes.

The Prophet ﷺ said: *“What a loss is for him! What a loss is for him! What a loss is for him!”* Someone asked: “Who, O Allah's Messenger?” He replied: *“He whose parents reach old age, either one or both of them, and he does not use their presence (by being good to them, etc.) to cause him to enter Paradise.”* (Muslim)

## Duas for a Better Hereafter

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ

ALLAHUMMA 'INNEE 'AS'ALUKAL-JANNATA WA'A'OTHU BIKA MINAN-NAAR.

O Allah , I ask You for Paradise and seek Your protection from the Fire.

(Abu Dawud. See also Al-Albani, Sahih Ibn Majah 2/328)

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِأَنَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ، الْمُنَّانُ، يَا بَدِيعَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ، يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ.

ALLAAHUMMA 'INNEE 'AS'ALUKA BI'ANNA LAKAL-HAMDA LA 'ILAAHA 'ILLAA 'ANTA WAHDAKA LA 'SHAREEKA LAKA,AL-MANNAANU, YAA BADEE 'AS-SAMAAWAATI WAL 'ARDHI YAA THAL-JALAALI WAL-'IKRAM, YAA HAYYU YAA QAYYOOMU 'INNEE QAYYOOMU 'INNEE 'AS'ALUKAL-JANNATA WA 'A'OTHU BIKA MINAN-NAAR.

O Allah, I ask You, as You are the Owner of praise , there is none worthy of worship but You alone , You have no partner . You are the Giver of all good. O Creator of the heavens and the earth, Owner of majesty and honor. O Living and Everlasting One , I ask you for Paradise and I seek refuge in You from the fire.

Abu Dawud, An-Nasa'i, Ibn Majah, At-Tirmithi. See also Al-Albani, Sahih Ibn Majah 2/329.

**Note: -**

• These Duas were recited by the Prophet ﷺ in prayers after Second Tashahud (Durood Ibrahim).

Another Dua: -

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

RABBANA AATINA FIDDUNYA HASANATAN WA FIL AAKHRATI HASANATAN WAQINA AZAAABANNAAR



*'Our Lord ! grant us good in this world and good in the hereafter and save us from the torment of the Fire''*

- Please read the Duas from Hisnul Muslim (Fortress of Muslim) for proper Pronunciations.

## Deeds that will weigh Heavily on the Scale on the Day of Judgement

The Prophet ﷺ said:

1. **Good Manners;** *"The heaviest thing that will be placed in a person's Balance on the Day of Resurrection is good manner"* (Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood)
2. **Subhaan Allah wa bi hamdih, Subbaan Allahii- 'Azeem** *"Two words which are light on the tongue but will weigh heavily in the Balance, and they are beloved to the Most Merciful: Subhaan Allah wa bi hamdih, Subbaan Allahii- 'Azeem (Glory and praise be to Allah, Glory be to Allah the Almighty). (Bukhari & Muslim)*
3. **Dhikr;** Purity is half of faith, and (saying) 'Al-hamdu Lillaah (Praise be to Allah)' fills the scale, and saying 'Subbaan Allah wa 'l-hamdu Lillaah (Glory be to Allah and praise be to Allah)' fills what is between heaven and earth.

## Build a Palace in Jannah

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

1. **Build a Masjid;** *"Whoever builds a Masjid seeking by it the Pleasure of Allah, Allah will build for him a similar place in Jannah". (Bukhari)*
2. **Perform 12 Sunnah Rakahs;** *"Whoever prays twelve extra [supererogatory] rak'ahs every day, Allaah (swt) will build for him a house in Paradise." (Muslim)*
3. **Do not Argue;** *"He who gave up disputing while he is right, a palace of high rank in Paradise will be built for him". (At Tirmidhi) The Prophet (S.A.W.) also said, "Myself, and the person who sponsors an orphan will be in Jannah like this (and he pointed to his index and middle fingers)." (Bukhari & Muslim).*

## Simple Deeds Leading to Jannah: -

Prophet ﷺ said: -

1. **Do not perform Shirk;** *"Whoever meets Allah without ascribing anything to Him will enter Jannah." (Bukhari)*

2. **Help a Widow & the Destitute;** *"The one who helps widows and the destitute is like one who fights in jihaad for the sake of Allaah (swt)." [Saheeh Muslim,]*
3. **Performing Wudpoo when it is difficult;** *"Shall I not tell you of something by means of which Allaah erases sins and raises you in status?" They said: "Yes, O Messenger of Allaah." He said: "Doing wudoo' well even when it is difficult, taking many steps to the mosques and waiting for prayer after prayer. That is (equivalent) to guarding the frontier." (Narrated by Muslim, 251)*
4. **Recite Quran;** *"It will be said to the companion of the Qur'aan: 'Recite and rise in status as you used to recite in the world, and your position will be at the last verse you recite.'" (Abu Dawood, 1646; al-Tirmidhi, 2914)*
5. **Be Easy with others;** *"Allah, the Almighty let a man enter Jannah because that man was easy when buying, easy when selling to others, easy when he passed a judgement and easy when he sought a judgement." (Bukhari)*
6. **Save yourself;** *"Whoever can guarantee (the chastity of) what is between his two jaw-bones and what is between his two legs (i.e. his tongue and his private parts), I guarantee Jannah for him." (Bukhari)*
7. **Seek Knowledge;** *"Whoever treads a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him the path to Jannah. (Muslim)*
8. **Memorize 99 names of Allah;** *"Allah has ninety-nine Names, one hundred minus one, and whoever believes in their meanings and acts accordingly, will enter Jannah. (Bukhari)*

## Paradise is Not the Equivalent of Deeds

Paradise is something of immense value; a person cannot earn it by virtue of his deeds alone - Muslim reported from Abu Hurayrah (ra) that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"No one of you will enter Paradise by his deeds alone." They asked, "Not even you, O Messenger of Allaah?" He said, "Not even me, unless Allaah covers me with His Grace and Mercy"* [Saheeh Muslim, 4/2170, no. 2816]

This does not mean we leave doing good deeds as it is not going to get us anywhere, what this means is that Paradise is so great that the deeds alone cannot warrant us to get it. As discussed earlier the last to enter paradise will have 10 times of the earth so how can our deeds give us the right to enter this great Paradise our Lord has made. SO we should do as much good deeds as possible and then hope & pray of the Mercy of Allah to accept them and enter us in Jannah!

## The Way to Paradise is Very Hard

Paradise is very high, and ascending lofty places takes a great deal of effort. The way to Paradise is filled with things that go against human wishes and inclinations. This needs strong determination and willpower. In a hadith narrated by al-Bukhaari and Muslim from

Abu Hurayrah (RA) the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"Hell has been veiled with desires, and Paradise has been veiled with [surrounded by] hardships."*

an-Nasaa'ee, at-Tirmidhi, and Abu Dawud report from Abu Hurayrah (R.A.) that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said, *"When Allaah created Paradise, He told Jibreel, 'Go look at it'. So he went and looked at it, then he came back and said, 'By Your Glory, no-one will hear of it but he will enter it'. So He surrounded it with hardships and said, 'Go and look at it'. So he went and looked at it, then came back and said, 'By Your Glory, I fear that no-one will enter it'".* [Jaami al-Usool, 10/520, 8068]

an-Nawawi commented on the first hadith: *"This is an example of the beautiful, eloquent and concise speech which the Prophet (saw) was capable, in which he gives a beautiful analogy. It means that nothing will help you to reach Paradise except going through hardships, and nothing will lead you to Hell, but whims and desires. Both are veiled as described, and whoever tears down the veil will reach what was hidden behind it. The veil of Paradise is torn down by going through hardships and the veil of Hell is torn down by giving in to whims and desires. Hardship including striving consistently and patiently in worship, restraining one's anger, forgiving, being patient, giving in charity, being kind to those who mistreat you, resisting physical desires, etc"* [Sharh an-Nawawi 'ala Muslim, 17/165]

#### The Weak and Destitute Will Form the Majority in Paradise

Most of those who will enter Paradise will be the weak and destitute, whom people tend to ignore and care little about, but in the sight of Allaah (swt) they are important, because they fear Him and worship Him faithfully and with humility. al-Bukhaari and Muslim report from Hareethah ibn Wahb that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said: *"Shall I not tell you about the people of Paradise? They said, 'Of course'. He said, 'Every weak and oppressed person; if he were to implore Allaah for anything, He would grant it to him.'"* [Jaami' al-Usool, 10/535]

An-Nawawi said, commenting on this hadith: *"It refers to those who others despise, scorn and oppress because of their weak position in this world. What is meant is that most of the people of Paradise will be of this type, but it does not mean that all of them will be".* [Sharh an-Nawawi alaa Muslim, 17/187]

al-Bukhaari, Ahmad and Muslim reported from Usaamah ibn Zayd that the Messenger of Allaah (saw) said: *"I stood at the gate of Paradise and saw that most of those who entered were the poor and destitute. The people of means were held back, whilst the people of Hell had been ordered into the Fire....."* [Mishkaat al-Masaabih, 2/663 no 5233]

#### Reward of being Patient

Jabir narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said: *"On the Day of Judgement, when the people who were tried (in this world) are given their rewards, the people who were pardoned (in life),*

*will wish that their skins had been cut off with scissors while they were in the world."* (Jami' at-Tirmidhi 2402, Classed as Hasan)

Think of the trials the Prophet ﷺ went through (lost all his sons while they were still very young, his beloved wife passed away, etc) but He ﷺ always thanked Allah, think of all the sacrifices the Sahaba made, it is their hard work and determination to take the teachings of the Prophet ﷺ ahead which is the reason we are able to read and benefit from it. Remember Islam is easy but Paradise is not, we need to work for it and then pray for His Mercy.

*Those of us who Allah has blessed with wealth & health, May He also give us the Hidayah to put them to good use, to use them in His way. May Allah make us amongst the people of Paradise.*

- All the best for Tomorrow's test.

- Test will be posted tomorrow and everyone will have time till Monday to Submit InShaAllah.

- Next week we will study about the **Description of Hell**

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